

# The Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation JCC Leadership Awards



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# The awards.

**Is your JCC striving to achieve excellence?**

**Are you working to create an exceptional board?**

**Are your future leaders ready to lead your excellent JCC board?**

We designed the JCC Association Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation Leadership Institute to help your future leaders understand what exceptional leadership really means, and that leadership is intentional and learned!

The next generation of JCC leaders will bring their JCCs into the future. JCC Association is dedicated to assuring that JCCs have the best, most committed, and well-trained leaders—in other words, exceptional! Now is your chance to help prepare them and to honor them at the same time. Nominate your future leader(s) to this dynamic leadership program and reinforce how important it is to your JCC to develop well-trained leaders.

This JCC Association premier leadership training program is named in honor of JCC Association Honorary Chair Esther Leah Ritz, who died in 2003. As an active leader in Milwaukee and in the continental and international arenas, Esther Leah was a visionary who led with great distinction. In addition to holding the presidency of the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC of Milwaukee, she served as president of JWB, the forerunner of JCC Association, took on the presidency of the JCC Association-Florence G. Heller Research Center, and chaired the World Confederation of JCCs. She was the recipient of one of JCC Association's highest honors, the Community Builders Award. The prestigious Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation JCC Leadership Awards and Training Institute is the ideal commemoration of a woman who exemplified the noblest tradition of communal leadership.

Please designate your candidate(s) online at [biennial.jcca.org/awards/nextgeneration](https://biennial.jcca.org/awards/nextgeneration)

For more information about the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation program, please contact Ann F. Eisen at tel: (504) 866-5090 or e-mail: [anneisen@jcca.org](mailto:anneisen@jcca.org)

# The program.

The Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation JCC Leadership Awards and Training Institute will be held at the JCCs of North America Biennial in Atlanta, May 2-5, 2010. **This institute is designed to assist your leaders to enhance skills needed to assume top leadership in your JCC.** Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation leaders are crucial to the JCC Movement, and the Biennial is considered a starting point in a long-term relationship among the future leaders of the movement.

The dedicated program for the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation awardees begins on Saturday evening, May 1, continues through Sunday afternoon, May 2, and includes several additional special sessions during the Biennial. Awardees should plan to arrive in Atlanta in time for the Saturday evening program.

**Saturday, May 1, 2010, 8:45 P.M.**

**Welcome Program and Reception**

*Marriott Marquis, Atlanta*

**Sunday, May 2, 2010, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**Institute: "JCCs Build Excellent Leaders, Leaders Build Strong Communities"**

*Location to be determined, transportation will be provided.*

**Monday, May 3, 2010, 7:30 A.M.**

**Breakfast Seminar "Evaluating Your Current Skills"**

Spend the day attending various Biennial seminars and events

*Marriott Marquis, Atlanta*

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 7:30 A.M.**

**Alumni Breakfast and Seminar with Past Esther Leah Ritz Award Winners**

Come, meet and share with former award winners. Learn how they have mapped out their leadership success!

*Marriott Marquis, Atlanta*

**12:15 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**Biennial Conference Wide Luncheon**

We encourage all members of your delegation to attend this luncheon where the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation awardees will be honored.

*Marriott Marquis, Atlanta*

Spend the day attending various Biennial seminars and events.

This series of events offers a great opportunity for award winners to develop relationships with other Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation awardees and participate in the full Biennial Conference.

# Nomination criteria.

Please review the criteria and related information below before nominating leaders from your JCC.

1. Candidate should have at least three years of effective service on a Jewish Community Center board or committee. The candidate may not be a current president or become president of a JCC through December 2009.
2. Candidate should have a commendable record of community service with recognized potential for future leadership.
3. Candidate should exhibit leadership credibility as demonstrated by financial support of Jewish communal efforts.
4. Candidate should recognize and support the JCC's responsibility to provide meaningful, well-targeted Jewish education for its lay leadership, staff, and constituents.
5. Award is limited to two recipients per JCC or central board, and one per branch board. JCC Association must approve additional awards.
6. The awardees must attend the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation JCC Leadership Institute at the Biennial to receive the award.
7. Only Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHAs affiliated, and in good standing, with JCC Association are eligible to enter.

We strongly recommend that the local award include the payment of the recipient's expenses to the Biennial Convention in Atlanta. Here are a variety of suggestions as to how the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation Award might be financed in your community:

1. The development of a special donors' fund
2. A group of past presidents developing a President's Fund for this purpose
3. Endowment of the project by an individual family and/or foundation
4. A special fund named for an outstanding community leader to commemorate or pay tribute to the person's community contributions

Please designate your candidate(s):

**Note: You must register and designate your candidate(s) electronically.**

This registration is a two-step process:

1. Register for the Biennial electronically at **[biennial.jcca.org/registration](http://biennial.jcca.org/registration)**.

Upon completion of the electronic registration, you will arrive at the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation Awards Registration page (also available at **[biennial.jcca.org/awards/nextgeneration](http://biennial.jcca.org/awards/nextgeneration)**)

2. The registration for Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation Awards will require the following:

Your name	Candidate's name
Name of JCC	Candidate's address
Your telephone #	Candidate's e-mail address
Your e-mail address	Candidate's home phone
	Candidate's business phone
	Candidate's fax
	Present position at JCC
	# of years on board

**Candidate's bio:** Please include a 50-word bio that includes previous positions at the JCC, involvement with federation, synagogue/temple or other Jewish organizations, general community involvement, occupation, business/professional activities, special interests and hobbies.

**Photo:** Please attach a digital photo (300dpi) of the award winner to your e-mail.

To be eligible for the award, the recipient must attend the Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation JCC Leadership Institute at the JCCs of North America Biennial in Atlanta, May 1-5, 2010 and meet all of the nomination criteria.

Esther Leah Ritz Next Generation Award applications and Biennial registration forms must be submitted electronically or postmarked by December 1, 2009. Once we receive registration and payment, we will send the award winner acknowledgement from JCC Association and information about participation.

**Awardees will not be processed until biennial registration is received.**

# Questions?

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